



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Vinayak D. Bhat	)	Examiner: Azpuru, Carlos A.
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Serial No.: 10/777,444	)	
	)	Art Unit: 1615
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Filed: February 11, 2004	)	
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For: PROCESS FOR AGENT RETENTION IN	)	
BIOLOGICAL TISSUES	)	
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application on the merits it is respectfully requested that the following amendment be entered.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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